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E. O. 11652: N/ A

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SUBJ: OPIUM SEIZURE

SECSTATE PASS COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS, OFFICE OF
INVESTIGATIONS FROM CUS ATT SAIGON. BANGKOK PASS
CUST ATT. HONG KONG PASS CUSTOMS LIAISON.

1. ON APRIL 19, 1973, VIETNAMESE NAVY STOPPED THAI TRAWLER
SUSPECTED OF VIOLATING VIETNAMESE WATERS. SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF
VESSEL DISCLOSED IT CARRIED NARCOTICS. VESSEL WAS SEIZED AND
TOWED TO NHA TRANG, VIETNAM.

2. INITIAL INVENTORY REVEALED APPROXIMATELY SIX TONS OF RAW
OPIUM AND APPROXIMATELY 280 LBS. OF MORPHINE BASE. MORPHINE IN

BRICK FORM WITH "999" BRAND NAME. VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ARRESTED
ALL NINE CREW MEMBERS.

3. NAME OF TRAWLER PASGON SAMUT, REGISTRATION NUMBER
149728.

4. VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE NARCOTICS BUREAU ARE INVESTIGATING.
DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.

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